

# **KENTUCKY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

**September 20, 2007, Minutes**

KCTCS Conference Facility

Versailles, Kentucky

## **I. Call to Order**

Ms. Nancy Spivey, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

### **A. Roll Call**

The following members were present: Ms. Sharon Bird, Senator Charlie Borders, Representative Larry Clark, Executive Director Andrew Fraenhoffer, Secretary of State Trey Grayson was represented by Assistant Secretary of State Allen Eskridge, Dr. Michael McCall was represented by Dr. Keith Bird, Mr. Michael Simpson, Ms. Nancy Spivey, and Ms. Sue Tamme.

The following members were absent: Mayor Jerry Abramson, Ms. Lisa Araya, Mr. Don Doty, Representative Ted Edmonds, Ms. Kimberly Maffet, Judge/Executive Bill May, Mr. Bill Parson, Senator Vernie McGaha, (Retired) General James Shane.

### **B. Establishment of Quorum**

Initially eight members or proxies were present, with the late arrival of another member bringing the number to nine members and proxies present. A quorum of ten members was not met.

### **C. Comments**

Ms. Beth Smith, Commissioner, Department for Workforce Investment, spoke briefly, expressing appreciation for Mr. George Burkley's work as previous Chair of the KWIB; noted that the Governor's Office for Boards and Commissions was expected to appoint new members to the KWIB within the next few weeks; expressed appreciation to Ms. Mable Duke for her efforts in bringing the Success Xpress to Versailles for the KWIB meeting; and informed KWIB members of an invitation they would be receiving for a WIRED kickoff on October 22, 2007, at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville. She noted that USDOL representatives from Washington D.C. expected to attend the kickoff.

Ms. Nancy Spivey also expressed appreciation for Mr. Burkley's work with the KWIB. She mentioned her own eight years of experience in workforce-related endeavors and her desire to work with KWIB members. She also acknowledged the beauty of the KCTCS facility.

## **II. Action Items**

The KWIB May 8, 2007, meeting minutes were not brought before the Board for approval due to the lack of a quorum.

## **III. Old Business**

Mr. Reecie Stagnolia, Associate Vice President of Kentucky Adult Education, presented information about performance standards of the previous fiscal year. He stated that Adult

Education has high expectations and its failure to meet performance standards had been a wake up call, a call for change. They had spent the previous year in data analysis and what they had found was not what they had expected even though Adult Education had experienced a dramatic increase in enrollment. They have now developed a new framework with a focus on outcomes and results rather than enrollment. He noted that turning the program around may be slow but they are working to that end. With new staff, new curricula, and revised strategy including an emphasis on teacher quality issues, they expect to turn the tide. Kentucky Adult Education expects to continue to be a national model. Mr. Stagnolia noted that while Kentucky had not met its goals, at 54 percent, it was well above the national average of 44 percent.

#### IV. Discussion Items

A. Committee Meeting Arrangements: Ms. Spivey distributed information about revised committee organization and member appointments. The Accountability Committee had members added. It will continue to function as a separate committee. The Access Committee was joined by remaining Awareness and Alignment committee members. The Executive Committee will continue to be comprised by chairs of all committees and separately appointed members.

B. A list of tentative 2008 meeting dates was distributed. The dates are based on KWIB member responses to an email inquiry. The 2008 meetings are scheduled for Tuesday of the fourth week of February (26<sup>th</sup>), May (27<sup>th</sup>), and August (26<sup>th</sup>), and for the last quarter of the year, on Tuesday of the first week of December (2<sup>nd</sup>).

#### V. Presentations

A. e3 Job Portal Presentation: Ms. Susan Craft and Mr. Jim Thompson gave a presentation about the new e3 website, explaining background, purpose, and basic functioning. KWIB members (Mr. Simpson, Representative Clark, Ms. Spivey, and Mr. Eskridge) joined in the ensuing discussion, particularly expressing interest in finding a way to incorporate information about and from border states into the Kentucky data system. They stated that the KWIB should explore the possibility of encouraging establishment of appropriate interstate agreements.

B. Energy Initiatives in the Commonwealth: Ms. Craft reported on the Southern Governor's Association August, 2007, Energy Summit held in Biloxi, Mississippi, at which public officials and private industry representatives were present. A primary concern is the current worker shortage in utility-related industries and related construction industries. A need was indicated for interstate agreements regarding training and qualifications. She noted that Kentucky had passed its energy bill immediately prior to the Summit.

C. Coal Services Program Presentation: Ms. Mable Duke, EKCEP Executive Director, and Mr. Craig Holloman, West Kentucky WIB's Workforce Investments Manager, told about the grant their areas received to provide training for the coal industry. Ms. Duke touched on the history of eastern Kentucky coal mining and the EKCEP business services policy of both asking business what they needed and wanted and then listening to their responses. She also shared a video presentation about coal mining training and careers in eastern Kentucky. Mr. Holloman noted that the situation in

west Kentucky was somewhat different in that coal mining had almost stopped so that a different level and kind of training was needed. He noted that while EKCEP provided on-site training at various mine locations, there was not a similar need in west Kentucky. Instead, they had established a mine training facility at Madisonville Community College. He also reported that in addition to the \$3m grant received from the USDOL, they were able to leverage an additional \$4m through WIA, the Governor's office, and KCTCS.

KWIB members (Senator Borders, Ms. Bird, Mr. Simpson, and Representative Clark) joined in the discussion, expressing their support for the coal miner training initiatives and appreciation for the efforts of the LWIBs.

The KWIB meeting concluded with tours of the EKCEP's *Success Xpress*, the mobile miner training rig used so effectively throughout eastern Kentucky during the previous eight months.